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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### DEMAND FOR PERMANENT RELIEF AT STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS

Willowbrook, IL - Today the EPA released ambient air testing results from January 27, 2019 through February 11, 2019 – before Sterigenics was shut down. On February 5, 2019 the levels were the highest ever since monitoring started: 26.4 micrograms per cubic meter. **That is 1,320 times the EPA actionable limit!**

Allowing Sterigenics to reopen their ethylene oxide sterilization process under any conditions would place the community, local employees, truck drivers, visitors, our children, and first responders at continued significant risk. Our community has suffered for three decades and has been promised reductions for years. This company is not trusted by the community and no amount of additional regulations will make this community trust that a toxic release wouldn't be in our future. Ethylene oxide sterilization does not belong close to our schools and our residences. The simple fact that emission levels continued to rise despite installation of pollution control measures is tacit proof that there is no way for Sterigenics to control ethylene oxide emissions. It is blatantly apparent that they are unable to adequately contain their emissions, resulting in fugitives poisoning our community.

Ambient air testing results at these extraordinary levels requires that regulators and legislators question the accuracy of the self-reporting over the years, before control measures were put in place. It also requires regulators and legislators to revisit the permits and emission allowances related to ethylene oxide and where these types of facilities are located.

On behalf of the community members and Citizens 4 Clean Air, we demand that the USEPA and Illinois EPA immediately act to permanently shut down Sterigenics. We further demand that all permits be re-opened and regulations be updated to comport with updated science and be consistent with proper regulation of a Group 1 carcinogen. No more testing. We have been poisoned long enough.

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